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**LETTER OF RECORD
TO CORRECT THE LACK OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED PRIORITY COPY
IN THE NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

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Sir:

Applicant wishes hereby to clarify the following discrepancy noted on the Notice Of Allowability dated 15 March 2005 in the referenced case:

The Notice Of Allowability does not indicate that the certified priority document copy was either received or not received.

Applicant filed a certified copy of Japan Patent Application 2002-284216 (filed 27 September 2002) with the United States Patent And Trademark Office on 28 December 2003. Applicant claims Convention priority under 35 USC §119 from Japan Patent Application 2002-284216.

The Patent Office acknowledged receipt of said certified priority copy via the return receipt postcard that accompanied the priority copy and its transmittal. The Patent Office also indicated, on the Office Action Summary dated 09 September 2004, that "[a]cknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f)" and that "[a]ll ...Certified copies of the priority documents have been received." This

acknowledgement was not carried through to the Notice Of Allowability.

Applicant has filed the required certified priority document copy in support of its claim for Convention Priority under 35 USC §119.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

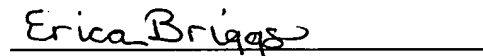


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